

The Indiana Department of Correction Receives Recognition for Energy Efficiency

Putnamville, IN (May 15, 2009) – Yesterday afternoon, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Edwin G. Buss, IDOC staff and administration, and representatives from Johnson Controls gathered at the Putnamville Correctional Facility to honor the IDOC's energy efficiency initiatives.



From left to right: Johnson Controls Director of Global Public Relations Darryll Fortune, Putnamville Physical Plant Director Michael Callahan, Putnamville Superintendent Bruce Lemmon, IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss, IDOC Director of Construction Services Kevin Orme, and Johnson Controls Account Executive Daniel Granahan

Darryll Fortune, Director of Global Public Relations for Johnson Controls, presented Commissioner Buss with the BELL award as a symbol of the IDOC's commitment to "Building Efficiency, Local Leadership." Fortune praised the IDOC for its ingenuity and forward thinking in its energy efficiency projects, such as the biomass boiler at Putnamville Correctional Facility, which is used to heat facility buildings and is fueled by scrap wood bought in Indiana. The boiler also has the capability of using corn as fuel.

Commissioner Buss accepted the award for the IDOC, praising both key Department figures and Johnson Controls for their willingness to move forward with such measures that ultimately save energy and money for the State of Indiana. Buss stated, "I never thought that I would see the day that 100-year-old correctional facilities would become models for energy efficiency, but that's exactly what our partnership with Johnson Controls has done."

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